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## EDITORIAL NOTES

Don't grumble. When the world goes hard with you, just make faces and say nothing.

Of all sad words that ere were sent,  
The saddest are these: "Please pay your rent."

What is to be done with the fellow who never even found out until it was all over with that his pastor had been away on a month's vacation?

Whatever else may be said of him, the editor who will bodily lift editorial from other newspapers and try to palm them off on the public as his own product is certainly not lacking in gall.

Every now and then some fellow pops up to remind us that work is no disgrace to anybody. Most certainly it is not. But this is not saying that work might not be disgraced if some people who think it is were to engage in it.

We happened to notice that in several of our weekly exchanges last week quite a number of their bright editorial paragraphs were identical. Even the punctuation was the same. Verily "good minds run in the same channel."

It would appear from general reports that the corn crop in this State has suffered greatly from almost continuous drought, and that in many sections there will hardly be more than half a crop unless everything from now on should be exceptionally favorable to the late planting.

From all over the State, with perhaps the exception of a few spots here and there, come reports of a very poor tobacco crop, due largely to drought, a late start and a bad stand. North Carolina will probably do well this year if she gets much more than half of a normal crop, and much of that will be of an inferior grade.

If you want to get a genuine case of the "blues," go out and hunt up one of these sore-headed pessimists, and when you have found him engage him in conversation for about fifteen minutes. If at the end of that time you do not feel like going off and committing suicide, you will then know that you are proof against the disease.

Along with compulsory education we might also adopt compulsory work. There was once a community in which the law was that "if any will not work, neither shall he eat," and history tells us that it had a most wholesome effect on the community. One of the towns in the State is considering the matter of adopting the slogan, "Help put folks to work." That would not be a bad slogan for any town.

If a man were to make three or four attempts at running a bank or some other large business enterprise and make a signal failure of it every time, the people of his community would be almost sure to lose confidence in his ability to succeed and cease to trust him in a business way. Why would not this be a good rule in politics? Mr. Bryan has made some three or four attempts to lead the Democratic party to victory and has as often failed, and it therefore seems that it would be the most natural thing in the world for the Democratic party to discard his future leadership.

Word comes from Washington that the Department of Justice is planning immediate prosecution of all trusts or monopolies which do not dissolve or take other steps to obey the Sherman anti-trust law as it has been interpreted by the Supreme Court in the Standard Oil, Tobacco and Powder Trust cases. Attorney General Wickersham declares that all such will be brought before the courts as soon as proceedings can be instituted. But it is likely to be some time yet before the people of this country see any of the trust magnates in jail. We have only to remember that next year is campaign year and the prosecution of the trusts is to be made an issue in that campaign.

The Gold Leaf has come to the conclusion that it can find a better use for its news columns than to fill them up from week to week and month to month with the doings and movements of people who have not enough pride in their own community to help support a good local paper. There are people in this community who will twist around in various ways to get their names or some little thing they have done in the paper and then go over and borrow their neighbor's paper to see what it said about them. Those who support their home paper loyally should always have the right of way in its columns, and so far as the Gold Leaf is concerned this will hereafter be its policy.

## WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

Beauties and Glories of the "Land of the Sky"—Lenoir and Blowing Rock—Mountain Roads That Challenge Admiration—Editors Entertained in Hospitable Style.

[Continued from Last Week]

If you want to escape the heat and flies and mosquitoes, flee to the mountains, go where the cooling breezes blow. Rest among the hills and enjoy the pure invigorating atmosphere and health-giving waters of Western North Carolina—the "Switzerland of America."

The person seeking an ideal place for a summer vacation can find both comfort and pleasure in the delightful region of which Lenoir is the chief town and center of trade and attraction. The climate of this section is unsurpassed, the varied scenery of mountain, hill and valley lending a charm to the country that is particularly inviting and restful.

I left my readers last week as we were about starting on the trip to Blowing Rock. The drive was through a fine country and was made in good time. We arrived at the Green Park hotel for dinner with appetites keenly whetted. Nowhere on the entire trip did we find a finer meal. The Green Park hotel is one of the best resort hotels in all the mountain country. It is situated right near the famous "blowing rock" from which the village derives its name, about two miles from the village proper. I was surprised at the number of persons who did not visit the "Rock" and seemed to know nothing about why the place is so called. The distance from Blowing Rock hotel, Watauga Inn and the numbers of excellent boarding houses that accommodate the thousands of visitors every season is not too great for a morning constitutional or an afternoon stroll and no visitor should go away without seeing the "blowing rock."

This is a perpendicular rock wall several hundred feet wide and as many feet deep at the head of an immense gorge leading out into a valley. Up this gorge the wind sweeps at a great velocity, stronger at times than others of course, striking the rock wall and sending the air current rushing high into the surface level—hence the name "Blowing Rock." So strong is the current as it strikes the face of the rock and blows upward and over it that light objects such as handkerchiefs, pieces of newspaper, etc., will come back when tossed out into the abyss below—or toward it rather. A light hat will perform the same trick but the gentleman who tried it with his straw hat had to go back to the hotel bareheaded and wear a cap until he could do better. The wind was not very strong when he made the mistake of throwing his hat too far—and like the cat it never came back.

Blowing Rock possesses many features and attractions peculiar to itself. To quote the Charlotte Observer, "one need not be a lover of Wordsworth to delight himself with the southward-gazing chasm here; he need only have had the Lord God who made these mountains breathe into his body a little more of the Rock's distinctive advantage is that the gazer has no mountain tops to climb but looks downward from a plateau over four thousand feet above sea level and sees everything below."

The editors were entertained at Blowing Rock in characteristic style. These mountain people (whose culture and hospitality is only equalled by the lavish gifts of Nature with which this wonderful mountain country is endowed) know how to do things. In the afternoon after the return from Boone on Thursday a reception was given the ladies by Mrs. Ransom (widow of the late Senator Ransom) at her elegant home, which was greatly enjoyed by those who were fortunate enough to be present. Mrs. Ransom and her charming daughter, Miss Estler, were gracious hostesses and this function was voted one of the most delightful events of the trip to the mountain portion of the party.

At night the editors (and the ladies of course) were entertained at a dinner by the citizens of Blowing Rock. Two long tables were erected on the lawn in front of the Watauga Inn where a bountiful and appetizing feast was spread. There was everything to eat and drink that one could ask for, with lovely ladies and attentive gentlemen to wait on you and bid you "help yourself."

Many enjoyed a drive over the Moses H. Cone estate and a view of the beautiful mansion, crystal lakes, deer and splendid driveways that wind around the vast enclosure. In this connection I am going to tell a little story of a gracious act of Mrs. Cone. At each entrance to the grounds there is a sign which reads that automobiles are not allowed inside. The cause of this is thus explained: Mrs. Cone's carriage horses (carrying herself or visiting friends) are liable to be frightened by automobiles, and the heavy machines break down the roads when driven too near the edge of the driveways. In the editorial party there was a young lady (and her mother) who had come over from Lenoir in their car to bring some of the party. Permission was asked to drive the automobile in the grounds, no other conveyances being available for the purpose. Mrs. Cone telephoned that she would gladly grant the request but she could not be inconsistent. Like requests of friends and even relatives had been denied—a rule had been established and it would not be right to ignore it in one instance and not force it in another. However, not wishing to deprive the visitors of any pleasure that might be theirs, she would send her carriage down for the time and the drive could be taken. A sweet and considerate act, wasn't it?

And that is "how come" some of our party were riding in the private carriage of the "Lady of the Manor" when the rest of us were "hiking it" along in lively rigs. I did not go with the party to Boone, where a hearty welcome and

an old fashion country dinner was given complimentary to the editors and their wives and daughters. This was due to failure to get transportation out of Lenoir, after specific agreement had been made with the liverman. But there were others, probably a dozen or more, and I had mighty good company in my disappointment—among them being Editor H. C. Martin, of the Lenoir News, who was host of the press convention, (and an ideal one he was too, alert and infatigable in his efforts to see that everything went right and everybody had a good time) and John Sherrill, the doomed-to-life servitude secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Press Association, and their wives, together with Mrs. M. We had to bide our time and go next day to Blowing Rock, the Boone trip, leaving Blowing Rock the same morning, being all that we were deprived of. But that it was "worth while" I have every reason to believe. I was told what I had missed until I felt like giving that Lenoir liverman an extra cuss—"behind his back. The whole country side turned out to do honor to the occasion, each one, man and woman, old and young trying to outdo the other in seeing that Boone offered nothing by comparison with any other place the strangers had been or might go. But how much they suffered in "vittles" destroyed is a story that never will be told.

Here I am going to draw on the Charlotte Observer for the following: "Boone, a village of about four hundred people, lies in a green, fertile valley which will become the scene of busy development, once a railroad has been built. \* \* \* Here at Boone were the real mountain people, a sight for all who may have been misled by the pack-trail or grating restorer to seek rich in health, contentment and simple abundance, at least. An organizer who formed a Watauga county farmers' union at Boone this same day said afterward that the Watauga farmers made one of the most intelligent and best-appearing audiences he ever addressed."

Of the Linville-Edgemont trip from Blowing Rock I will let the same staff writer tell the story for me. Why bother to write myself when another has said the things so much better than I? Then too I did not go by way of Edgemont on the return trip, Mrs. Manning and I setting our faces still further northward, into Tennessee. Farewells were said Friday night and early Saturday morning before we were astir those who had gone on the mountain trip (quite a number all told) left us at Esqueo Inn and departed for Edgemont (terminus of the Carolina & Northwestern Railway) on the homeward journey. But to the article in question:

"Returning to Blowing Rock, (from Boone) these members of the party who could finish the trip left next day for Linville over the famous Yonahlossee road. Through twenty miles of rhododendron, laurel and heavy forest this road circles high toward the point where Grandfather's upturned face of rock stares at the heavens forever. One last graceful circle and the travelers were looking out over the valley of Linville river in what was until recently known as Grandfather county. Here, at four thousand feet above sea level, are delectable green pastures as the lowlands in North Carolina's latitude can never know. Central in the picture is Linville Inn, having an annex picturesquely weatherboarded with chestnut bark. There are many people—seemingly the include all who ever stopped here for any considerable length of time—who regard Linville as the most delightful spot in all the mountains. Marveling to find Linville almost full when other mountain resorts were just open for their first few guests, the party was told by these Linville visitors that they consider Linville such a good thing as to render undesirable the taking of any chances on a stay. Golf, fishing in trout streams and lakes, Grandfather mountain and altogether exceptional accommodations are among Linville's assets as a resort. Its nearest railroad station is Montezuma, two miles away. It will be the capital of the new county of Avery, changing its name to Newland (for Lieutenant Governor Newland, of Lenoir), if the contest with Montezuma and Elk Park goes its way."

"Having thus gone northward from Lenoir to Blowing Rock and Boone and from Blowing Rock westward to Linville, the party then turned their faces down the mountain southward seventeen miles to Edgemont, the northern terminus of the Carolina & Northwestern Railroad. This turnpike, promoted by the Carolina & Northwestern, represents the most substantial road in the section and the most impressive engineering work of any seen. Its curves along the faces of tremendous cliffs are marvelous to behold. Members of the party to whom the Alps and the Rockies are familiar agreed that here is one of the most wonderful roads in the world. Yet such is the skill of construction that grades are easy and safety assured throughout. A truly hospitable welcome at Edgemont, a new village whose resort possibilities are very considerable, ended with the newspaper men, women and children on board train again. It will be a memorable trip in recollection and it should be even more memorable in results."

We felt somewhat lonely after the departure of our friends, some of the best fellows and finest women in the State, choice spirits with whom association is a pleasure and an inspiration always, but with the trust of friends and best of traveling companions still with me, in pursuance of a purpose formed before we left home I was ready to nail the legend "Excelsior" to my banner and go forward to Johnson City, to take a trip over the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad back into North Carolina.

Apprehending that I have already consumed the space allotted me, a halt is called for the present. T. R. M.

It doesn't cost very much to please a woman, but keeping her pleased is what causes many a man to go broke.

## FOR GOOD ROADS.

A Correspondent Thinks That The United States Government Should Help Pay For the Establishment and Maintenance of Better Rural Highways.

While our town of Henderson is moving forward we should not forget our rural friends, and their far more pressing need and the most pressing need of the county is good roads, and improved highways. We have the finest railways in the world and the poorest highways. The government has helped to build these railroads and develop this splendid system of long distance transportation. Why should it not help to build the equally important system of short distance transportation—the country highway over which the produce of the farms must be hauled before it reaches these national highways? Of the 2,150,000 miles of dirt roads in this country the government is today saving over 1,000,000 miles for star routes and rural delivery service. It has established them into post roads, and it is actually using them every day in the year, except Sundays and holidays to carry the mails. These roads have been constructed chiefly by the farmers and are maintained by taxes in a large measure paid by them. The government has contributed nothing to their construction and contributes nothing to their maintenance.

The government uses the railroads to carry the mails, but it pays for the service, and usually pays a high price for it. On the other hand, it not only uses the farmers' road for the identical purpose without paying a cent for its use or maintenance, but requires the farmers, besides furnishing the road, also to keep it in good condition; and if he fails or refuses to do so it discontinues his mails. The Hon. F. M. Simmons has introduced a bill in the Senate, and it will pass. The bill appropriates \$1,000,000 to be expended by the secretary of agriculture in co-operating with the Postmaster General in the improvement of roads over which rural delivery is or may be established, provided the local authorities shall contribute an equal amount for the improvement of routes selected. Men of Vance county, act now, we need better roads, and the best way to get them is by bond issue, say one hundred thousand dollars. For good roads bring about better conditions in country life.

Good roads exert a material influence in promoting or retarding education. In short bad roads tend to isolate rural conditions. They render it more difficult to pass about, impede travel, restrict intercourse, interfere with school attendance and church going, promote illiteracy, and are in many other ways a hindrance to progress. The value of good roads is fully appreciated. The need is felt. Conditions now make their betterment imperative. The people have at last fully awakened to their advantage. They are ready to participate in the work. Economically, industrially, socially, and in every respect the subject invites attention. A hundred thousand dollar bond issue for Vance county. This is progress "on the sly."

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## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

The Henderson Cotton Mill has completed No. 2 mill building, and will soon have the machinery in position. There will be 8000 spindles driven by electricity.

The Vance County Farmers' Union will meet on Saturday before the second Sunday in each month until further notice. All locals in the county are requested to take notice.

Work at the Harriet cotton mills, No. 1 and 2 was suspended Friday for ten days to let the operatives have vacation. The Henderson Cotton Mill is also giving its operatives a vacation of several days.

The Castalia correspondent of the Franklin Times says that nothing is being given out to the public, but in the next few days the promoters of the Henderson and Castalia railroad are sure it will assume such tangible shape that all will be assured of its construction to this place.

The first issue of The Church Annals, to be published monthly under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews of Holy Innocents Parish, appeared last week. The rector, Rev. I. W. Hughes, is editor and Mr. B. H. Perry is business manager. The Annals is a ten page paper and is gotten up in a very neat and attractive form.

A company of northern capitalists are soon to begin again the operation of the Portis gold mine in Franklin county. It is said that long before the Civil war much gold was taken from these mines which made them famous. They will use the latest improved methods of washing the rich ore, which will doubtless give satisfactory yields to its owners.

The contract for building the new Methodist Episcopal church at North Henderson will be let this week and work on the new building will begin right away. The new church will cost about \$1,200 and will be a nice modern wooden structure. It will be built on the same lot where the other one was burned, but will probably not be in the same place.

## The County Home.

Superintendent J. W. Oakley, of the county home, says the five houses for the inmates are in good repair. One house is comparatively new and the other four were improved last year, but that the house occupied by his family is badly in need of about \$500 worth of repair work, which the grand jury has recommended to be undertaken.

He also states that the crops are in good condition now. Corn, wheat, oats and potatoes are the crops raised, and while the hail storm reduced the wheat yield about two-thirds, the superintendent expects to harvest 150 barrels of corn and 300 or 400 bushels of potatoes.

Two mules and a horse are owned to produce this. There are also 9 head of cattle and 24 hogs on the place, 15 of the hogs to be killed this fall to provide for the 6 colored and 5 white inmates, none of whom are able to work.

Among the number of inmates are two Confederate soldiers who prefer the county home to the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh. This speaks well for Superintendent Oakley and the county commissioners, who are so generously providing for the infirm poor.

All the vegetables that can be used are raised, and a good quantity is sold. The inmates of the home are provided with the same fare that the superintendent's family has.

Last year the commissioners appointed a committee to purchase 100 fruit trees which Mr. Oakley offered to put out without cost but to his disappointment this has not been done.

## Will Pool Tobacco Crop.

That the members of the Farmers' Union of this section will organize a pool of the tobacco crop next fall was the firm opinion of one who attended the big rally and picnic of the Union people at Rural Hall recently. He said the spirit of the pool was in the very atmosphere and unless all signs failed there would be a union in the matter by the Union in this county in the not distant future.—Exchange.

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